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SUBJECT: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

The summary of the January 15, 1998, Service Delivery Area (SDA) Advisory Committee meeting is attached. If you have any questions regarding the summary, please contact

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 15, 1998
800 CAPITOL MALL, DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

Hot Topics

Draft Directives Web Page: Bill Burke announced that the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) has established a web page that will allow Service Delivery Areas (SDA) to review draft Directives and submit comments on-line. The implementation plan includes an e-mail notification component that will inform all SDAs when a new draft Directive is on the web page for review.

Concern was expressed that the e-mail notification component of the new draft Directive review process may be insufficient. Bill let the SDAs know that, during the transition period, the JTPD will continue the current fax and mail notification, review and comment process for draft Directives. The SDAs agreed to provide e-mail addresses the JTPD can use for the notification component.

Job Training Plan Team: The SDAs were informed that a JTPD work group has been working on simplifying the biennial Job Training Plan. Significant progress has been made and instructions should be available by the end of the week ending January 23, 1998.

Project 2000 - Systems Conversion: Bill informed attendees that the Department of Labor (DOL) is interested in the SDAs' status for implementing their systems conversions in preparedness for the year 2000. The JTPD will be issuing an Information Bulletin for all SDAs to respond to regarding their progress on systems conversion.

Greg Newton Welfare-to-Work Presentation: Bill informed the SDAs that they need to make their reservations for February 4 and 5 for the Greg Newton Welfare-to-Work presentation. The hotel will hold a block of rooms for a limited time only.

SB 645 - Performance-based Accountability: The two focus group meetings to be held to discuss SB 645 are scheduled in Carson on January 23, 1998, and in Sacramento on January 30, 1998. One of the issues to be discussed is the reporting component of the bill. As written, the SDA reports will eventually include information on the service providers with which they enter into subgrant agreements.

Concern was expressed that service provider information could be misunderstood by individuals not familiar with the intricacies of California's program which could lead to non-local individuals making decisions on those with whom the SDA may enter into subgrant agreements.

Title III 40 Percent Expenditures vs. Plan: A question was raised as to the availability of Title III 40 percent funds. There is approximately \$2 million in Title III 40 percent funds currently available. Bob Hermsmeier indicated that California should expect less funding from the DOL's Title III recapturing and reallocation process from other states than in prior years. Bill elaborated that as other states become more sophisticated in utilizing their Title III funds, less monies will become available during the recapture and reallocation of these funds.

A Title III-related question was raised regarding the backfilling of Title III 60 percent funds. Currently, SDAs are allowed to transfer Title III 60 percent funds to serve Title II clients. The question was whether the SDAs can get Title III 40 percent funds to replace Title III funds that have been moved to serve Title II clients. Bob explained that JTPD is working to clarify the process involved with this option. An Information Bulletin will be sent out on this soon.

Waivers

Bill summarized the events that have taken place regarding waivers and the ongoing negotiating with the DOL. Bill informed the advisory committee that the DOL indicated a willingness to adjust the performance measurement methodology and asked the state to propose an alternative model. An SDA/EDD work group developed some models and recommendations for the advisory committee to consider.

Bob Hermsmeier presented the models and a list of guiding principles developed by SDA and state staff to the advisory committee for review and discussion. A consensus was reached by committee members on the recommended model to be sent to all SDAs for consideration.

Welfare-to-Work

Welfare-to-Work Plan and Public Forums: The State Welfare-to-Work (WtW) plan is in clearance and is expected to be on the website for SDA review and comment soon.

Public forums to discuss WtW issues are scheduled as follows: Oakland - 1/28/98; Fresno - 1/29/98; Sacramento - 1/30/98; Ontario - 2/2/98; and Downtown LA - 2/3/98.

Secretary of Labor 25 Percent Competitive Grants: Jim Curtis provided information regarding the Secretary of Labor WtW 25 percent grant process. Any Private Industry Council (PIC), political subdivision or private entity that is working in collaboration with a PIC or political subdivision, may submit an application for a WtW Secretary of Labor competitive grant. The deadline for submitting a grant request to the Secretary of Labor's office is March 10, 1998.

A requirement of the solicitation process is that the Governor or State designee must comment on each proposal. An Information Bulletin is scheduled to go out around January 20, 1998, and will provide a process for interested entities to follow in submitting proposal drafts to JTPD for comment.

Concern was expressed regarding the fact that the submitting entity does not need PIC sign-off. A suggestion was made that the State require such a sign-off; however, it is a federally-established process which takes it out of the purview of the State.

AB 1610 (Michelle Montoya Law)

Joe Daniel of the Tulare County SDA presented information on AB 1610 (Michelle Montoya Law) that raises concern regarding Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Summer Youth programs. The fingerprint requirements stipulated in the law may significantly delay access to campuses and placements. The options discussed revolved on getting a sponsor for a technical amendment that could exempt JTPA participants or the JTPD could open a dialogue with the Department of Education to try and identify possible non-legislative solutions. Consensus was for the latter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.